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Application No.: 10/601,431

Amendments to Drawings:

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. In the attached Replacement Sheet, Figure 1 has been amended such that numerals “14” and “12”, have been changed to state “11” and “13”, respectively.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-21 are currently pending in this application. Claim 8 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-7 and 9-11 have been amended in response to the indefiniteness rejections set forth in the Office Action, and to more accurately define the claimed invention. New claims 12-21 have been added to further define the claimed invention. The "Brief Summary Of The Invention" section of the Specification and Abstract have been amended in accordance with the above claim amendments. In the drawings, Figure 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced into this application by these amendments.

Objections to the Title

The Examiner objected to the Title as being non-descriptive. By way of this Reply, the Title has been replaced and is believed to overcome this objection.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. In particular, the Office Action states that the use of any verb ending in "-able" ("recognizable," "applicable," etc.) renders the scope of the claims unascertainable. In addition, the Office Action states that the phrases "such as," "to be realized," etc. render the claims indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. By way of this Reply, claims 1, 2, 3, 7,

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9, and 10 have been amended to in accordance with the Examiner's remarks, and are believed to overcome all grounds for the indefiniteness rejections. Withdrawal of the objection to the claims 1-7 and 9-11 is respectfully requested.

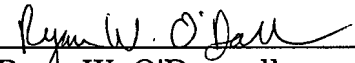
Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-7 and 9-21, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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